

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4233

INFO CINCPAC

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD BY POUCH

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 14848

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET BORDER PROPOSAL TO PRC

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF: A. MOSCOW 3619

B. MOSCOW 13213

1. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF, MFA FIRST FAR EAST  
DIVISION CHIEF KAPITSA TOLD AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR ON  
NOV 14 THAT SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED ON MARCH 6, 1973,  
THAT BASIS FOR SETTLING SINO-SOVIET BOUNDARY IN THE  
EAST SHOJLD BE MAIN NAVIGATION CHANNEL OF AMUR AND  
USSURI RIVERS.

2. COMMENT: IN EFFECT, THIS WOULD RELINQUISH SOVIET  
CLAIM TO NUMEROUS ISLANDS HERETOFORE CLAIMED, PRESUMABLY  
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INCLUDING DAMANSKY, SITE OF 1969 CLASH. KAPITSA WAS NOT

ASKED ABOUT BLIND MAN'S ISLAND, LARGE ISLAND OPPOSITE  
Khabarovsk which under Soviet control but on Chinese  
side of main navigation channel). Kapitsa's statement  
pinpoints date of proposal first mentioned to us in  
April (Ref A) and publicly surfaced by Yuri Zhukov on  
television last month (Ref B).  
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